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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Extended Discussion Had Over Question of Whether Plumbing Ordinance Should Be Put Into Effect

The City Board of Trustees held its regular weekly meeting last Monday night.

Trustee Gaerdes was absent on account of being ill.

A communication was received from the firm of Studebaker Bros. Co. inclosing a bill for repairs to the city sprinkling wagon that was damaged by fire several weeks ago. The communication was filed, with the understanding that the repair bill would be paid when the city receives the insurance money.

A communication was received from the Citizens Insurance Company stating that it would pay the insurance on the damaged wagon. Filed.

The Jacobs Co. asked for and was granted a rebate on its merchant license from March 1st to July 1st, the firm having transferred its business to Bakersfield.

A communication was received from the Morgan Oyster Co. requesting that its property in this city be placed upon the assessment roll. The request was granted.

Inspector Healy reported that the macadamizing of Grand Avenue was nearing completion.

Complaints were made to the Board that certain residents permitted sewage to run from their premises into the street.

Upon motion of Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Edwards, City Attorney Styles was requested to proceed and have the nuisances abated. It was also ordered that the City Board of Health be notified.

At this point, Clerk Smith informed the board that a plumbing ordinance that was adopted on February 18, 1909, had gone into effect on February 18th of this year.

This announcement created an extended discussion among the members of the board and citizens present.

It was contended by some that the provisions of the ordinance were in line with the progressive cities and created a system by which proper plumbing would be done.

Others argued that enforcing of the ordinance would work a hardship upon many poor people; in other words, it was far ahead of the necessities of the city.

Trustee McSweeney made a motion that the ordinance be repealed. There was no second.

Finally, City Attorney Styles was instructed to prepare an amendment providing that the ordinance be put into effect at some date next year.

Several claims against the city were given first reading.

Upon motion of Trustee McSweeney, seconded by Trustee Hickey, Contractor Scott was allowed \$2000 on his contract for macadamizing Grand avenue, the work having been nearly completed.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS TOLD IN BRIEF

The public schools will be closed from March 18th to 28th.

The election for school trustees will be held on the first Friday in April.

Herschel Larrick, formerly a resident of this city, was in town on Wednesday visiting friends.

Miss Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin, is in Los Angeles enjoying a visit with relatives.

A bus will leave the postoffice Thursday evening to take residents of this city to the Catholic ladies' vaudeville show and dance at San Bruno.

Three more men were swindled out of several hundred dollars by sure-thing men in the vicinity of the Colma Hotel, on the Mission road, during the past week. Comment unnecessary.

Charley Robinson left on Wednesday to be absent a week or more and will spend the time at Mrs. Labree's at Santa Rosa.

Mr. Robinson has been troubled of late with rheumatism and has gone away to rest and regain his health.

Last Thursday Matt Callan of Colma brought to this city in twenty-one wagons 194 hogs, weighing 46,190 pounds, which were purchased for the Western Meat Company by Wm. Aikens. This is the largest shipment of hogs ever brought to this city by one dealer.

Next Friday evening, March 18th, the Good Templars will hold a meeting at Guild Hall. Delegations from around the bay will be on hand to help. Speakers from outside points will be present. There will also be a musical program. A general good time may be expected. Everybody is invited.

On Sunday March 13, the Visitacion Valley Athletic Association will hold its second annual ten mile race from Burlingame Grove to club rooms, Six Mile House, San Bruno road, by way of this city. There will be nine contestants in this race which is handicap event, and which is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. The runners should pass through this city no later than 10:30. This Association is becoming recognized by the best judges of amateur athletics as second to none in the ability of its members as distance and cross-country runners.

City Treasurer Kauffmann—Cash on hand February 1st, \$3506.78; receipts during February, \$92.70. Total, \$3599.48. Expenditures as per warrants drawn, \$599.05. Balance cash on hand March 1st, \$3000.43.

City Treasurer Kauffmann—Cash on hand February 1st, \$3496.73; deposits, \$92.70. Total, \$3589.43. Disbursements, \$529.05. Balance on hand March 1st, \$3060.38.

The difference in the amounts on hand between the clerk and treasurer is caused by some warrants drawn but not cashed.

City Marshal Kneese—Collections during the month of February were as follows: One Class A liquor license, \$30; one Class C liquor license, \$12.50; one Class D liquor license, \$10; two special permits, \$5; from City Recorder for fines, \$5; from city taxes, \$20.20. Total receipts, \$82.70.

City Recorder McSweeney—Fines collected during February, \$5.

REGISTER.

Citizens of this city can now register their names with F. A. Cunningham, at the Postoffice, or Geo. Wallace at the Verandah Hotel, in order that they can vote at the August primaries and the fall State and county election in November. The voters of this city whose names are on the last great register can vote at the coming city election if they have not changed their residence from one precinct to another. New citizens must register immediately if they wish to vote at the coming city election in April.

People's Ticket: For Trustees—Thos. L. Hickey, A. Hynding, F. A. Cunningham, M. F. Healy, J. H. Kelley.

Citizens and Taxpayers Ticket: F. A. Cunningham, A. Hynding, Thos. L. Hickey.

Independent Nominations: For Trustee—Peter Lind. For Marshal—P. D. Broner.

E. W. Langenbach has withdrawn as a candidate for Trustee.

NOTICE TO NEW VOTERS

Registration for the coming municipal election in this city will close next Wednesday, March 16th. This does not apply to those whose names are on the Great Register of 1908.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Officials Make Monthly Reports—Hillsborough Incorporation Matter—Other Business.

The county board of supervisors met in regular session at Redwood City on Monday last.

Monthly reports of officials were presented and filed, as follows:

County Clerk Nash collected during February \$263.70.

Recorder Johnston collected \$934.95. Treasurer Chamberlain disbursed \$57,579.02, leaving a cash balance on hand March 1st of \$27,015.75.

Health Officer Beattie issued 572 burial permits for which he received and turned over to the treasurer \$572.

Auditor Underhill reported the condition of the road funds of the county as follows: First township, for the fiscal year, both regular and special, \$33,735; \$18,260 has been expended. The total road fund for the second township amounts to \$25,500, of which a large amount has been spent. Over half of the fourth and fifth township road funds have been expended.

Sheriff Chatham reported he had collected \$8.25 as fees; there was due him for mileage \$187.45, and \$154.75 for furnishing 619 meals to prisoners at the county jail.

Tax Collector McCracken—Receipts from state and county taxes, \$742.22; Redwood City annex taxes, \$28.25. Total \$770.47.

As license collector, McCracken received following amounts: Eleven Class A liquor licenses, \$1320; special permits, \$186.28; merchants' licenses, \$340; miscellaneous, \$52; peddlers' licenses, \$40. Total, \$1938. Ten per cent commission off this amount is retained by McCracken as fees, or \$193.80.

County Entomologist Hunter reported he had the mosquito pest under control, as oiling of the marshes in the vicinity of Millbrae had commenced.

A number of bids to purchase Jefferson school district bonds amounting to \$45,000 were opened. The successful bidder was the State Board of Examiners who agreed to pay a premium of \$3541.50 for them.

In the matter of the incorporation of the new city of Hillsborough, Attorney Redington for the petitioners appeared and asked that the petition be granted.

Attorney C. N. Kirkbride in behalf of the city of San Mateo called the board's attention to the fact that if Hillsborough is incorporated with the present proposed boundaries it would lessen the taxable valuation in the second township \$1,800,000, and Mr. Kirkbride asked the board to give the matter careful consideration before taking action.

Henry T. Scott, a petitioner, stated that if Hillsborough is incorporated with the proposed boundaries the residents of the new city will pay to the county whatever amount it now receives from taxpayers within its proposed limits, and agreed to give a bond that such a contract would be carried out.

The San Mateo Building Trades Council, in a communication to the board, protested against the incorporation of Hillsborough on the ground that it would retard the growth of San Mateo.

The whole matter was referred to Coleman and District Attorney Bullock to prepare a bond as suggested by Mr. Scott and present the same at an adjourned meeting next Monday.

F. H. Smack, H. A. Smith and D. Quillinan, a commission appointed at a previous meeting of the board to have charge of a fire district at Hill-

crest and Vista Grande, asked that they be given a year in which to make a report. Clerk Nash was instructed to inform the commission that it had no such authority.

Attorney Hall C. Ross presented a petition in behalf of A. M. Easton asking that a date be fixed for the sale of a franchise for the construction and operation of an electric or gasoline street railway in the Easton tract, the franchise to be for a period of fifty years. A resolution was adopted setting May 10th as a date for the sale of the franchise.

The Crocker Estate Co. was granted permission to maintain an underground tank in which to store distillate on property at the Crocker Tract, Mission road.

Glenn Allen, architect for the new courthouse, in a communication informed the board that the building would be completed by April 1st and advised that the treasurer's vault be provided with steel lining and a burglar alarm installed, and that the grounds be laid out and ornamented. The communication was accepted and ordered filed.

The claim of the Visitacion Valley Construction Co. for \$567.45 for rock was rejected on motion of Supervisor Casey on the ground that he could find no evidence of such material having been delivered to his district.

The protest of Geo. A. Kertell against the saloon of Maud E. Earl in the first township was ordered stricken from the calendar by the chair, as the board was disinclined to act on it.

The application of the Sierra Power Co. for an electric power pole franchise in the first township, which was presented at the last meeting, was laid over for two weeks to allow Supervisor Casey to confer with the officials of the company regarding the application.

A statement signed by the district attorney and auditor was presented showing that \$75,000 of the county's funds are deposited in the First National Bank at Redwood City and bearing interest at 2 per cent, and that \$160,000 is in safe deposit in the First National Bank in San Francisco and not bearing interest.

Chairman McEvoy refused to accept the statement, on account of its not being accompanied by a certificate from the San Francisco bank as to the correctness of the amount deposited in its vaults.

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NORTHBOUND TRAINS LEAVE

6:13 A. M.
7:23 A. M.
7:43 A. M.
(Except Sunday)
8:03 A. M.
(Except Sunday)
8:43 A. M.
(Except Sunday)
9:23 A. M.
9:53 A. M.
12:52 P. M.
3:01 P. M.
(Except Sunday)
5:23 P. M.
7:03 P. M.
7:13 P. M.

SOUTHBOUND TRAINS LEAVE

6:37 A. M.
8:36 A. M.
10:57 A. M.
11:57 A. M.
2:23 P. M.
3:16 P. M.
4:37 P. M.
5:57 P. M.
6:47 P. M.
12:02 P. M.
(Theatre Train)

SHUTTLE SERVICE

From San Francisco via Valencia Street, and to San Francisco via Bay Shore Cutoff.

6:25 a. m.
(Except Sunday)
6:20 p. m.
(Except Sunday)
7:19 p. m.
(Except Sunday)

From San Francisco via Bay Shore Cutoff, and to San Francisco via Valencia Street.

5:45 a. m.
(Except Sunday)
5:24 p. m.
(Except Sunday)
6:25 p. m.
(Except Sunday)

POST OFFICE.

Post Office open from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. Sundays, 8 A. M. to 9 A. M. Money order office open from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. Mails leave Post Office twenty minutes before trains.

* NORTHBOUND DISPATCH.

8:03 A. M.
12:13 P. M.
3:43 P. M.
7:13 P. M.

† SOUTHBOUND DISPATCH.

6:37 A. M.
11:57 A. M.
3:17 P. M.

* Mails from south arrive.
† Mails from north arrive.

E. E. CUNNINGHAM, P. M.

CITY OFFICIALS

TRUSTEES—A. Hynding (President), H. Gaerdes, H. Edwards, Thos. Hickey, D. McSweeney.

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Treasurer C. L. Kauffmann
Recorder A. McSweeneyCity Attorney H. E. Styles
Marshal H. W. KneeseNight Watchman W. P. Acheson
Garbage Collector A. G. Bissett
Poundmaster D. Clements

BOARD OF HEALTH—Dr. H. G. Plymire, E. E. Cunningham, Wm. Hickey, E. N. Brown, Geo. Kneese (Secretary), Inspector, A. T. Smith.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES—Chas. Robinson, J. Kelly, J. O. Snyder.

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Treasurer P. P. Chamberlain
Tax Collector C. L. McCrackenDistrict Attorney J. J. Bullock
Assessor C. D. Hayward
County Clerk Joseph H. NashCounty Recorder John F. Johnston
Sheriff Robert ChathamAuditor Henry Underhill
Superintendent of Schools Roy CloudCoroner and Public Adm. Dr. H. G. Plymire
Surveyor James B. Neuman

Health Officer W. G. Beattie, M. D.

Officials—First Township
Supervisor James T. Casey
Justice of the Peace A. McSweeney
Constable Bob Carroll
Postmaster E. E. Cunningham

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A BAD MEMORY.**Complications That Brought About a Wedding.**By THERESA C. HOLT.
(Copyright, 1910, by American Press Association.)

"Mr. Rucker," said the pretty widow. Mrs. Taylor, "why will you be so uncomplimentary as to forget me, to pass me by as if you did not know me when we meet on the street?"

"I think it must be something in my eyesight," said Mr. Rucker apologetically.

"Eyesight! Nonsense!"

"You know perfectly well that I consider you one of my most valued friends."

"So valued that you can't remember you have ever met me before on seeing me after a week's separation."

"My memory for faces is execrable."

"You shall not treat me so slightly again, I promise you. I will make you remember me."

"I beg you to do so. Then I shall be happy at receiving your smile that I don't get when I pass you without recognizing you. But suppose you forget me when you pass, what will come of that?"

"I'll bet you what you like I won't."

"What I like?"

"Yes."

"Very well. Let it be a kiss."

"A kiss?"

"Yes, a kiss against a dozen pairs of gloves."

"You mean, I presume, that if I fail to recognize you the next time we meet

ed them as if he relished an imaginary kiss.

"Well, go on," he said.

"The bet was that I would know you the next time I met you."

"H'm!" said the gentleman.

"Of course I wouldn't have made such a bet if I hadn't been certain I'd remember you. I'd known you from your twin brother."

"Would you?"

"Yes; of course."

They came to a corner, and the lady said:

"I go down this street to my home. Good day."

"I'll go with you."

He walked to her door, and it was agreed that he should call the next evening to settle the bet. As soon as the door closed behind him he made a note of the number.

The man who made the bet with the widow was Mr. Ned Rucker. The man whom she met on the street was his twin brother, Mr. Fred Rucker. The latter had just returned from a long residence abroad. The two were bachelors and were in rooms together. Fred Rucker, after his meeting with the widow, went home and, finding his brother there, told of his adventure.

"How good of you," she said, "to win a bet and not only pay it, but bring these lovely flowers."

She sniffed the perfume with her beautiful nose, then continued:

"What did you mean by 'ticket of leave' and all that?"

"The ticket may be exchanged for a full discharge this very evening if you prefer it."

"Explain."

"Mine is a case of love at first sight. Will you marry me?"

"What has that to do with it?" asked the widow in a low tone and with averted head.

"This: There is no harm in a kiss between an engaged couple."

Before Mr. Rucker left the bet was paid and the matter settled.

NONTELESCOPING CARS.

New Missouri Pacific Mail Coach Is Expected to Save Clerks.

To prevent the usual smashing of mail cars in every wreck in which they are involved the Missouri-Pacific railroad has adopted and soon will provide on all its mail trains mail cars of all steel construction, said to be the strongest cars of this type ever built. By this means officials of the road hope to do away with the lists of killed and injured mail clerks, placed, as they are, in positions of danger near the locomotives of mail trains.

The special mail cars are designed by A. W. Sullivan, general manager of the Missouri Pacific. The cars are sixty feet long inside, are equipped with six wheel trucks and have steel frames and floors, on which are laid an asbestos covering for insulation and a wood floor for the comfort of the clerks. The side walls are of steel faced with hair felt and asbestos insulating material, with air spaces for preventing radiation.

Especial attention has been devoted to making the new type safe from the old danger of "telescoping" in head-on collisions without sacrificing anything from the heating and lighting apparatus or the modern conveniences for the clerks.

During the call Mr. Rucker appeared as interested in her as before he had appeared indifferent. When he had gone she was quite astonished to note that instead of the hour being 10 o'clock, as she had supposed, the hands of the clock stood at 11:30. Indeed, she experienced quite a pleasurable sensation for the rest of the evening.

Mrs. Taylor was somewhat excited over the bet she had made and felt the necessity for watching very closely for Mr. Rucker on the street, fearing that if she passed him unnoticed he would claim payment of the bet. This kept her thinking of him most of the time. During his visit he had appeared very different from what he had ever appeared before—more vivacious, brighter; indeed, she had found him clever and entertaining. She was not averse to marrying and wondered why she had not thought of him before as a possible husband.

When Mrs. Taylor met Mr. Rucker again she was paralyzed with astonishment. He was doubled. The double's two right arms went up to his two hats, and there was a smile on his two faces.

"Goodness gracious!" exclaimed the lady.

One of the Mr. Ruckers said: "You have a bet with one of us that you would know him when you met him on the street. One of us is a stranger to you. Therefore you can't know him, because a lady can't know a man whom she has never been introduced. Please tell us which you have bowed to."

Mrs. Taylor was flustered. She tried to make out the one she had known, but failed.

"That's not fair," she said.

"Why not?" asked one of the twins.

Mrs. Taylor was not in a condition of mind to point out just why it wasn't fair. Had she been cool she might have thought of a way out of the dilemma. She made choice between the two

and named the wrong man. Both men burst into a laugh.

"I've won," said Mr. Fred Rucker.

Mrs. Taylor colored to the roots of her hair.

"So long," said Ned Rucker, and he passed on.

"Of course, as a gentleman," said the lady to the remaining Rucker, "you'll not ask me to pay the bet."

"Not now," he replied, "I'll pay it myself. I'll call this evening with a dozen pairs of gloves."

"What do you mean by 'not now'?"

"I'll give you a sort of ticket of leave based on your good behavior."

That evening Mr. Fred Rucker called on Mrs. Taylor not only with a dozen pairs of gloves, but with a plentiful supply of flowers.

"How good of you," she said, "to win a bet and not only pay it, but bring these lovely flowers."

She sniffed the perfume with her beautiful nose, then continued:

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"The ticket may be exchanged for a full discharge this very evening if you prefer it."

"Explain."

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Many industries are already established here, chief of which are the Western Meat Company, the Wool Pullery, the Soap Works, the Baden Brick Company, Pacific Jupiter Steel Company, the Steiger Pottery Works, the W. P. Fuller White Lead Works, the South San Francisco Lumber and Supply Company, and other enterprises, all of which are in full operation to-day. The American Smelting and Refining Company has purchased over 300 acres of land in South San Francisco for the purpose of erecting a great plant, which they estimate will cost upwards of \$5,000,000. The Doak Sheet Steel Company has purchased a large tract of land and has already commenced the construction of a large rolling mill. Other factories have recently made purchases, and South San Francisco is plainly destined to fulfill all that its promoters had hoped.

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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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The San Mateo Times takes up and discusses the question of the expansion of San Francisco southward. The Times looks with favor on the annexation of a part of San Mateo County, and regards it as manifest destiny. We agree in the main with the views of the Times editor in this matter.

In the matter of roads, water and public utilities generally the conditions would be better for the people of the north end of San Mateo as a part of the Great City.

So far as local government is concerned that can be retained under the modern borough system. It is only a question of time when the growth of the city southward will include all of the First Township.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

The first regular municipal election will be held in this city on Monday, April 11th next, when five city trustees, a clerk, treasurer, and marshal will be elected to serve during the coming two years. Now is the time for candidates to make their announcements and let the local citizens know what office they are seeking. A small charge will be made to candidates who wish to place their announcements in THE ENTERPRISE during the campaign.

FRATERNAL ORDERS

F. O. E.

Tuesday last was initiation night and Pete Broner, accompanied by Ed Perez, was made acquainted with the mysteries of Eagledom. The impressive service of the degree is one that will remain with a brother as long as life shall last, and be to him as the Pillar of Cloud and of Fire in the olden time, guiding them on to better things.

All arrangements for the grand ball to be given by South City Aerie March 17th are complete. It will be a grand affair. Tickets are going fast, and it looks as though a record-breaking crowd might be in attendance.

REALTY TRANSFERS.

South San Francisco Land and Improvement Co. to Hildah Raab—Portion lot 3, block 101, South San Francisco.

Same to J. H. Kelley and wife—Lot 18, block 115, South San Francisco.

For Rent.—Del Paso lodging house, with or without furniture, 21 rooms; one block from S. P. depot. Apply this office.

SUGGESTED SITE FOR EXPOSITION

On the street car a few evenings ago, a gentleman said to the writer, "I understand South San Francisco is getting very ambitious."

"In what way?" was my reply.

"I understand your citizens are wanting the Panama-Pacific Exposition located at your place?"

"Well, why not?" was my rejoinder, and I then gave him in a few words, our claims for advantages, which cannot be equalled, nor excelled by any site which has been suggested.

By reference to map shown here, the proposed site will be noticed, as that portion lying just south of the blocked-off portion of the City of South San Francisco, extending southward to



the intersection of the two lines of the Southern Pacific Railroad—the old line, and the new Bay Shore Cut-off, the former a single-track, the latter already double-track, and rapidly being made four-track, and only seventeen minutes from San Francisco.

The proposed site has also the double-track electric line of the United Railroads, bringing passengers by street car in an hour from any part of San Francisco to the site.

Tanforan Park, with its splendid field for all variety of sports, adjoins; San Francisco Bay the second largest harbor of the world, is immediately adjacent on the east.

The transportation facilities have never been equalled by a World's Fair held in the United States—two railroad lines, and an electric line already on the spot, and ferry service available.

Aquatic sports and demonstrations will be an important feature of the Exposition, the waters of the Bay are immediately available; aerial navigation will probably occupy the most prominent attention, ample territory is here available for ascensions and contests without obstacles of mountain ranges, etc.

Exposition sight-seeing is hard work at any season of the year, and in any climate.

The writer attended the World's Fair in Chicago in the month of June, and it was hot; the St. Louis Exposition in August and September, and it was hotter; and the Omaha Fair in October, with snow and ice over everything.

For climate, the site we have available within our corporate limits is the best ever offered for any Exposition.

It is never hot, it is never cold, it never snows, it never rains in the summer, and a cool breeze always blows, September, one of the most disagreeable of months in the East, is well-nigh ideal here.

An extensive feature of all expositions is the system of lagoons, canals, and other attempts to bring water into the grounds for pleasure, etc. It has always been an expensive feature in counting the cost of construction of other expositions. Here it would be a very small factor in the cost, owing to the lay of the land.

In other expositions the cost for purchase or lease of ground has been a heavy expense, here, we are told the South San Francisco Land and Improvement Company offers a site of fifteen hundred acres absolutely free.

The benefits to be derived will be many. San Francisco will become the Greater San Francisco to which it aspires by growth in the natural direction in which it should grow—southward.

It has always seemed to the writer as if a plan contemplating a Greater San Francisco by the annexation of Oakland, Berkeley, etc., was impracticable, owing to the physical obstacles imposed by nature.

But the upbuilding of the Peninsula, which would be built up solid from Redwood City to San Francisco along the railroad and electric lines, would be a natural development, and would surely mean a Greater San Francisco.—South San Francisco Banker.

SAN BRUNO NOTES.

It is reported there will be a great surprise in school matters in San Bruno to-day.

The W. O. W. gave a stag party last evening as which many members were present to enjoy a good time and partake of wienerwurst and sauerkraut and smoke pipes.

The Woodcraft and W. O. W. will give a banquet at Green's Hall Monday evening, March 21st. It will be an invitation affair for members.

A surprise party will be tendered to W. J. Smith, Third Addition, in honor of his birthday this evening.

Several carpenters of San Bruno held a preliminary meeting at Fire House No. 1 last Wednesday evening to make arrangements to organize a carpenter's union. Another meeting will be held next Wednesday evening.

H. E. Leslie is registering voters every Wednesday evening at Fire House No. 1, San Mateo avenue, between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock.

An election for school trustee to succeed Joseph Huff will be held on Friday, April 1st. New voters must be registered not later than next Wednesday if they wish to cast their ballots at this election. Those whose names are on the Great Register can vote at this election, but must be reregistered in order to vote at the state and county primaries next August and at the general election in November.

Next Thursday evening, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), the Catholic ladies of San Bruno will give a grand vaudeville show and dance at Green's Hall, which has been donated by Mr. Green for the occasion. Tickets, 25 cents.

The Yeomen will give a banquet at Town Hall next Tuesday night.

Plans and specifications have been prepared for the building of thirty-six cottages in the Belle Air Tract.

COUNTY ITEMS

Geo. H. Howard of San Mateo in his capacity as a landscape artist and architect has prepared plans and specifications for some proposed improvements at Coyote Point, on the bay shore east of Burlingame, which, if carried out, will make that promontory one of the finest summer resorts on the coast.

Attorney Archer Kincaid, secretary of the Redwood Chamber of Commerce, has received a communication from Congressman E. A. Hayes with reference to the improvement of dredging and widening of the Redwood City creek. Mr. Hayes said, "Report has finally shown up. Expect to get \$12,000 in bill without difficulty. I have already secured the consent of the committee of this house to an amendment incorporating the \$12,000 appropriation in the bill. I shall keep you advised of the progress of the appropriation."

At a meeting of the Redwood City Board of Trade Tuesday night the following committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the woman's club in preparing for a celebration of the completion of the Dumbarton Cut-off: P. P. Chamberlain, James V. Swift, R. D. Stafford, Carl Muller, Archer Kincaid and T. D. Rice.

City Treasurer Frank K. Towne of Redwood City has turned \$100,000, the amount of money in the treasury, into United States gold bonds and placed them in a safe deposit box. The bonds have to be transformed back into money every time Redwood City has use for ready money. This financial experiment has the approval of the Redwood City trustees.

Under the name of the San Mateo Baseball Association a new club has been launched in this county, which has the right to promote prizefights and "all other athletic events." The association has a capital stock of \$10,000, and notwithstanding that its chief object is to promote baseball games, President Trowbridge declares that the club also intends to handle prizefights. The association is composed of San Mateo citizens. D. C. W. Morrison is vice-president and Joseph Killila is secretary and treasurer.

GRACE CHURCH.

Commencing to-morrow (Sunday), services will again be held in Grace Episcopal Church in this city every Sunday at 11 a.m.

GORDON'S ADIEU TO THE SENATE

Memorable Valedictory of Former Mississippi Senator.

BOYHOOD DREAM REALIZED.

Confederate Veteran In Parting Speech Tells How He Was Guided to Senate by Children's Game His Mother Taught Him—Pleads for Obliteration of Mason and Dixon's Line.

An unprecedented scene occurred in the United States senate the other day when Senator James Gordon of Mississippi, who recently retired to give place to Leroy Percy, the newly elected senator from that state, made his farewell address to his colleagues. The aged soldier and statesman, who is past seventy-six years old, told how his life's ambition to sit in the senate had been realized in the past few months and added a tribute to the courtesy of his colleagues and a plea that Mason and Dixon's line be obliterated, which drew rounds of applause from the galleries.

Colonel Gordon began by saying that he had not thought of making a speech until he read in the papers that he was expected to deliver a farewell address.

An Ambition of Childhood.

"Ever since I was five years old," said the old senator, "I have wanted to come to the senate. I have been a long time coming, and the road was rough traveling, but at last I have got here. Now before I leave I want to say something about the courtesy I have received."

Colonel Gordon said that what first turned his mind to the senate was a game he had played at his mother's knee. One spun a top to see what heights one was afterward to rise. The goal, he said, was a picture of the capitol at Washington, with a big man occupying the seat of the president of the senate.

"I asked my mother who he was," he said, "and she told me. Then I told her that as my top had gone to the right place in the game I, too, wanted to sit in the seat of the president of the senate of the United States. She told me that if I were a good boy and did not hang around I should surely sit there. She had never told me a story in her life, and all these years I have believed her, so help me God! Yesterday my wish came true."

His Greatest Misfortune Wealth.

Colonel Gordon, who wears the careless black garments of the old fashioned southerners, told his colleagues that his greatest misfortune had been that he was born a multimillionaire. He had never been happy, he said, until he spent his money.

"Most of it," he said, smiling happily, "went to feed some hundreds of slaves I was also unfortunate enough to inherit. The rest I spent on my friends, as a gentleman should, and so got rid of the incumbrance. The senator from Arkansas (Mr. Davis) has spoken against Mr. Rockefeller and his pipe line that runs through his state.

"I think Mr. Rockefeller is a good man, though unhappily rich. He can't go on the street with one of his grandchildren without the fear that some one may kill him. And I know that he loves one of those children better than he loves all his money."

Throughout the earlier part of the speech Senator Heyburn, who recently declared against admitting Lee's statue to the hall of fame, sat consciously reading a book. When Colonel Gordon was done, however, Mr. Heyburn was among the first to shake hands with him.

Senator Gordon said that the problem of the negro had yet to be solved and he wanted the aid of his colleagues in solving it.

Tribute to Grant and Lee.

"I am an old Confederate," he said, looking at Mr. Heyburn, "and you perhaps an old Union veteran. We disagreed. You are the victor. But we each still think our own generals good people. That is all that there is to it, though we have with us yet some blab mouthed fellows who aren't worth cussing.

"We were conquered and took the oath of allegiance. I can raise my hand and say that I have never violated that oath, and I never saw an old Confederate who had violated it. There is no north or south. I stand here in my father's house, and I am proud to be in it. As for our generals, you may as well try to storm the heights of heaven and pluck the diamond from Jehovah's crown as to take away from either of them any of the glory of the records of the two men

who stood under the tree at Appomattox and brought the war to a close."

Returning to the negro question, the Mississippian read a poem to his old mammy to show his sentiments. He told Mr. Heyburn that he would like to take him south to his own home, show him the life there and then return him to the hall of fame.

"Then I will stand before the statue of General Grant and you before General Lee," he continued. "And I will take off my hat and yell for Grant, and I think you will admit that Lee was a pretty good fellow. As for General Grant, I love him. I love everybody. I am a happy man. But I am old, and, though my hair is still on, it is a-falling. I leave here before it drops out. I shall be succeeded by a legal genius, Mr. Leroy Percy."

An Airship Destroyer.

An invention in connection with projectiles to be fired at balloons and airships has recently been made by Herr Wagner, landlord of the Railway hotel at Enschede, near Munster, in Westphalia, Germany. The projectile is so constructed that when it leaves the cannon four knives in the casing open, thus giving the missile greater destructive power.

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ORDINANCE No. 30

An Ordinance Establishing an Election Precinct in and for the City of South San Francisco.

The Board of Trustees of the City of South San Francisco do ordain as follows:

Section 1.

A Municipal Election Precinct is hereby established in and for the City of South San Francisco, as follows:

Said city shall be and constitute one (1) municipal election precinct to be known as, and be described as, "South San Francisco Municipal Election Precinct."

The boundaries thereof shall be coincident with the boundaries of said city, and shall contain all that territory of said city within the limits of South San Francisco Precinct No. 1, and South San Francisco Precinct No. 2, as said Precincts are described in Ordinance Number 231, of the County of San Mateo, passed and adopted the 1st day of February, A. D. 1910, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo (to which reference is hereby made) and entitled "Ordinance No. 231 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, Dividing said County of San Mateo into Election Precincts, and Establishing the Boundaries Thereof," which two said precincts are hereby consolidated into one Municipal Election Precinct above named and described.

Section 2.

This ordinance shall be published once in THE ENTERPRISE, a weekly newspaper printed and published in the City of South San Francisco, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Introduced the 28th day of February A. D. 1910.

Passed and adopted as an ordinance of the City of South San Francisco, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of South San Francisco, this 7th day of March, A. D. 1910, by the following vote:

Ayes, and in favor of the passage of said ordinance:

Trustees Harry Edwards, Thomas Hickey, Daniel McSweeney and Andrew Hynding.

Noes, and against the passage of said ordinance:

VALERIA AND THE SPICE MAN.

The Romance That Was Woven Into a Rag Carpet.

By CLARISSA MACKIE.

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When Valeria Bird was thirty-five years old she emptied all her closets and wardrobes and spread the contents about her room—over the chairs and on the bed or wherever space afforded.

Like all the Birds, Valeria was fond of dress, and "the summer I had the pink organdie," "the winter I wore the green cloak" and other instances were fixed dates in Valeria's memory. Valeria's clothes formed the calendar of her years.

"It's all they're good for," she said decisively. "I'll cut them into carpet rags and make me a handsome carpet. There won't be another like it in Littleville."

And there wasn't another one that compared with Valeria Bird's rag carpet when it was woven and in place on the sitting room floor. Out in the woodshed was an old loom—Uncle Joshua Bird had been a famous weaver in his day—and Valeria had learned how to operate it in the face of Aunt Susanna's strong disapproval.

"You'll spread your feet all out of shape working that treadle. Your Uncle Joshua had flat foot to the end of his days from that old loom! You better take it over to the blind weaver. He can do it first rate so long as it's hit or miss!"

"Tisn't going to be hit or miss," said Valeria stubbornly. "No one could make it this way but me."

When it was completed and the breadths sewed together it made a large carpet, for Valeria had had many garments. Aunt Susanna peered curiously at the intricate pattern.

"I never see a rag carpet like that. What's that little white square in the middle breadth, and how did you fix it



"HAVE YOU LOST ANYTHING?" SHE ASKED SHARPLY.

so's all those different colored stripes would make squares outside each other? And the outside border is black? That's real tasty!"

Valeria smiled proudly. "The white square in the middle is made out of my little frocks, and each stripe outside of it is a year of clothes."

"And every year the stripes are wider, showing how extravagant you are getting. But don't tell Tom, Dick and Harry all about those stripes, because any fool could figure out how old you be," Aunt Susanna's voice dropped to a secretive hiss.

"Humph! I don't care who knows how old I am," replied Valeria contemptuously.

Mrs. Bird pursed her lips mysteriously. "There ain't a soul in Littleville that knows how old I be," she muttered. "If you want to be stamped as an old maid, Valery, just run around and tell how old you be."

"I want to be an old maid," said Valeria calmly as she placed the walnut center table exactly over the white square in the new carpet. "I'd rather be Valeria Bird and die unmarried than to change my name to any other. Think I'd change my name to Jones or Gibbie or Riddle or Smith? Humph!"

Just as Valeria Bird sniffed contemptuously some one rapped smartly at the side door, and Aunt Susanna creaked across the floor to admit a tall, broad shouldered man with thick hair plentifully sprinkled with gray. He was indeed very handsome, and perhaps his good looks found expres-

sion in his kindly eyes and firm mouth, as well as in the physical beauty of these features. He removed his hat with a friendly smile at Aunt Susanna.

"I'm selling spices, ma'am. Perhaps you would like to give me an order. I bought out William Riddle's business, and I've got a perfectly fresh stock."

"Come right in," said Mrs. Bird cordially. "I've got to go down to the missionary society, but Valery will give you an order. She had it all made out for Billy Riddle. Where's Billy gone?"

"Billy got the gold fever. He's gone out to the Klondike," replied the spice man, wiping his feet carefully on the doormat and then tiptoeing across Valeria's new carpet to a vacant chair. His eyes followed Valeria's disapproving glance to the floor, where his shoes had left dusty footprints on three years of her life. "I'm very sorry," he said calmly, taking an order book out of one pocket and a fountain pen from another. He looked expectantly at Valeria, and his eyes lingered on her soft masses of brown hair and her tender blue eyes.

The tender blue eyes changed to steel gray when they encountered the gaze of the spice man, and a flood of color invaded the cool cheeks to her little ears. Valeria Bird had met the same glance in the eyes of many men, but never before had she lost her composure.

Overhead Aunt Susanna's heavy bulk shook the ceiling as she hurried to and fro in her preparation for the missionary society. Outside in the grapevines late robins were feasting on the luscious clusters, and their sweet songs were reminiscent of earlier springs when Valeria had worn pale blue gowns and held her proud little head aloof from all suitors, reserving herself for some ideal being, one who was handsome and gifted and whose name might be "Montfort."

"Valeria Montfort" sounded even a little better than Valeria Bird.

"I want some cinnamon and mace," she said at last, "and a bottle of vanilla and some nutmegs."

The spice man closed his book and arose to go. "Thank you, ma'am," he said, with hat in hand. "I'll deliver the goods day after tomorrow. Good afternoon."

"Wait a minute and I'll pay you," said Valeria, leaving the room.

When she returned the spice man was crawling about the floor on his hands and knees, examining the stripes with strange intentness.

"Have you lost something?" she asked.

He scrambled to his feet, looking very much ashamed of himself.

Valeria watched him climb into the shining wagon at the gate, and when it had disappeared in a cloud of dust she turned and looked at the carpet. For what had the spice man been seeking? Save for additional traces of sand on the carpet she could see nothing. Her housewifely soul proclaimed against the untidy floor, but she did not brush the sand away.

At tea time Aunt Susanna rustled home from her society meeting. She untied her bonnet strings with impatient fingers as Valeria brought in the teapot.

"I heard all about the new spice man, Valeria," she said breezily. "He's from Comcompus way, and he's a distant relation of yours too. His mother was own cousin to your mother. He ain't never married. He's always lived on the home place and farmed it till last year his mother died, and he's been looking to buy a good business. He—"

"What is his name?" asked Valeria, quietly sipping her tea.

Mrs. Bird hesitated with spoon poised above the sugar basin. Her little dark eyes fell before Valeria's inquiring gaze.

"John Smith—John James Smith—and it's a very good name, too," said Aunt Susanna defiantly.

Valeria said nothing.

The next time the spice man called Valeria was alone. When he had set the small packages on the table he said:

"I guess you think I ought to explain what I was looking for that day when you found me on the door. I was wondering if there was a stripe of pink that had some cloth in it—pink with little white stars on it." He paused and flushed slightly.

Valeria nodded. "There is a piece like that. I used to have a dress like that when I was fourteen years old. All this carpet is made out of my clothes."

Mr. Smith's face was eager and glowing now. "I met you once years ago. You was wearing it. I never forgot your face. I was driving a young colt, and you was scared when the colt shield, and you ran to the side of the road and dropped a basket of eggs, and—"

"And you got down and picked up the whole eggs and gave me 50 cents. I've got the 50 cents now," exclaimed Valeria animatedly. Like an instantaneous photograph she saw the tall handsome young man who had come

to her assistance that long ago day, whose appearance had taken her girlish fancy and had forever after remained her ideal. And in her dreams she had named him "Montfort."

"Why did you keep the 50 cents, Miss Valeria?" asked the spice man curiously.

"I thought your name was Montfort," said Valeria impulsively.

He laughed heartily. "It's just plain John James Smith," he said, with a certain sturdy pride in his tone. "Now, I wonder if you wouldn't just give me a little piece of that pink calico. I want it for something," he added slowly.

Valeria flushed and then knelt down on the floor and sought the pink stripe with the white stars. Recklessly she pulled it out, and the spice man's pocket knife severed a generous sample, which he stowed carefully away in his pocket.

"Shall I come every week?" he asked, pausing in the doorway.

"Yes, do," said Valeria, with a flush. When Aunt Susanna came home Valeria was sitting with idle hands beside the window.

"For the land's sake! Somebody has tracked fresh mud all over your floor, Valery. This carpet won't last no while if you ain't more careful!"

Valeria Bird looked down at the thin pink stripe at her feet. "I don't care," she said, with a dreamy smile.

"For the land"—began Aunt Susanna again; then she looked at Valeria and did not finish the sentence.

MINERS TO BE TESTED.

If Unable to Pass Examination They Must Do Common Labor.

The miners' examining board at Wilkesbarre, Pa., decided the other day that every one of the 20,000 anthracite miners in Luzerne county, Pa., must be examined to prove his fitness. A great many have fraudulent and bogus certificates.

Arrangements will be made to close one colliery at a time for a day, and the miners of that colliery will then be examined. All those who cannot answer twelve questions relating to practical mining and cannot read and speak English will lose their places and will have to become laborers, but the coal companies will not be hampered, as they can place one miner in charge of two or three chambers.

With all the incompetent miners removed it is believed that the number of mine accidents will be reduced fully 50 per cent. It will take six months to complete the examination.

HOSPITAL IN A TREETOP.

Medical Missionary's Plan For Curing Consumption In Persia.

A cottage hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis, each cottage to be built in a treetop, was recently announced as the plan of Dr. Arthur Funk, a medical missionary of the Presbyterian church, for eradicating the disease in Persia. Dr. Funk obtained his idea from D. O. Steinberger, a resident of Urbana, O., whose home is in the branches of a giant oak.

When the Steinberger home was constructed its owner was a victim of pulmonary trouble. He now claims to be fully recovered and asserts that his life eighty feet above ground is responsible for his good health.

Dr. Funk and his wife are stationed at Hamadan, a city of 8,000 population, about 200 miles west of Teheran. They are confident that the treetop plan will materially reduce the number of tubercular cases in their district.

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THE HIGH TIDE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Chief Features of a Great Inquiry Movement That Has Struck All Classes and Nearly Every Section of the United States.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.
THIS is the year of investigations. Heaven knows there are enough people need investigating, and a few of them are getting it. In Washington it is Ballinger and Pinchot; in Albany, Allds. Conger and several dead men; in Columbus, Slater and all ex-officials that look apprehensive; in New York city, the Stock Exchange; in the south, the Cotton Exchange, and in the country at large.

The inquiry fever has struck all classes and well nigh every section. Congress looks like one huge question mark. The refrain of present day magazine literature is, "Where did he get it?" One high financier is already in the penitentiary, and others fear they would be there if the public knew about them as much as they know about themselves. Grand juries and legislative commissions are the order of the day, and the lobbyists are taking to the tall grass. If the mania continues it will end in congress investigating itself, and that would use up all the whitewash in the market.

How far is President Taft behind these various inquiries? It is known that he insisted on a thorough house-cleaning in New York and Ohio, that he gave word for the senate high prices inquiry to be made broad and thorough, that he at least assented to a congressional investigation of Ballinger and that he urged proceedings

Earlier in his administration he backed up the sugar trust prosecutions and the cleaning out of the New York customs house, which have already resulted in several men going to prison and in scores of others losing their positions. If the present investigations result in like vigorous measures the grafters have rather uneasy times ahead.

Trail of the "Black Horse Cavalry."

The Allds-Conger inquiry in New York has already uncovered enough devious doings to shock the state and has suggested more than it has disclosed. While in theory it has been confined to the one charge that the recent president of the state senate received when floor leader of the assembly a \$1,000 bribe for killing certain bridge legislation, it has in reality gone much further, involving the name of a former chairman of the Republican state committee and casting a cloud over the names of a dead speaker of the house and of former members of the assembly.

The net results of the Allds inquiry up to date are not very tangible. An indignant public throughout the state, the resignation of the president pro tem. of the senate, against whom the charges leading to the inquiry were made; the suggestion of other instances of bribery compared with which, as "Deacon" Moe, chief prosecuting witness, expressed it, the case in hand is but "a flea bite;" an insistence by President Taft, Governor Hughes and the press that the investigation go to the bottom, a refusal by the state assembly to adopt the Chandler resolution calling for such broad and thorough investigation and an apparent uncertainty on all hands as to what next step will be taken—these seem to constitute the only visible outcome as yet.

Buckeyes Also at It.

The Ohio situation is analogous to that in New York. The similarity goes even to the names by which the legislative traffickers of a few years ago were known. In New York they were "the black horse cavalry," in Ohio "the black dragoons." Earlier disclosures in the Buckeye State have made public the extravagances, to use no stronger term, in the office of a former state treasurer and involving other officials. The present crisis concerns the indictment and arrest of Mark Slater, former printing supervisor. The charges against Slater are most serious, involving payment on false bills, in which the state was defrauded of thousands of dollars. The uncovering of Slater is only a part of the work done by the Beatty statehouse探者, who are still gouging into various departments in a way to give present and former officials the jumps.

If there are side eddies of investigation at Albany and Columbus, however, one must go to Washington for the main stream. There everything not nailed down is out on the inquiry current and is being tossed about like a house in an Ohio river flood.

Start Something.

If you have anything to investigate you will never have a better time to tear it loose. If you have probes, pre-

What the Allds-Conger Probe Has Already Uncovered --- The Disclosures in Ohio—High Prices Inquiries In Full Blast

pare to use them now. Everybody is at it, and you may as well be one. The inquiry bug has bitten us all, and the resultant fever is at its most acute stage. The trusts and the politicians have been unduly intimate for years, and it is time to find out what they were at when nobody was looking. Discover all you can, and that will be precious little. The foxy gentlemen who have been making a nice thing out of the dear public are not liable to give away the snap now. If the worst comes they may trot out a few scapegoats with whom to satisfy the people, after which the same old game will continue as before. They have come to the conclusion that they can fool nearly all the people nearly all the time, and who can blame them for that impression? So far as I have observed, the public has given them little reason to think otherwise. The voters have gone right on electing the same kind of a bunch to office, and the ultimate consumer has continued putting up for all who wanted to prey on him. So docile have the great, honest, outraged American masses been that the grafters and their press agents have come to speak of the millions with open contempt, calling them with various inflections of scorn "the peepul."

But why grow melodramatic over it? I have been one of the simple minded, befooled many, making my occasional protest, it is true, but never making it with enough force to be effective. In my soul have felt what has been going on all the time, but the clever few who were in charge of things have been able to beg the issue, to make black seem white, and I have been deluded along with the rest. I only wish there were a real investigation on this year that would get somewhere and find out something actual. If not we must put up with such little toy probes as we are likely to have and be thankful for even the "flea bites" of information that come to light by accident.

Hope For the Future.

I seek in nowise to minimize the inquiries that have been ordered. They may agreeably surprise us all and actually bring facts to light. Legislative investigations are under just suspicion in this country, however, and these present ones will receive public commendation only when they earn it. Let us suppose that they will earn it and so not discredit them in advance. Let us have faith that they will not waste the public money in mere futility or in downright efforts to contort or conceal the truth. But in the meantime let us seek the facts ourselves and accept no sophistries or excuses as to the logical conclusions deducible from the facts we find.

Possible Wall Street Probe.

Following the collapse of the Hockin pool in Wall street, the Stock Exchange has carried on an investigation of its own and has suspended two brokers. Jim Keene, the head of the pool, has been questioned, but could not remember anything and left the impression that his office boy was to blame.

A Wall street inquiry by the New York state legislature is at least Assemblyman Frederick R. Toombs has introduced a resolution to that effect.

As to the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, the committee has already been in session several weeks and is hardly through with the examination of one witness, L. R. Glavis. Perhaps the most sensational testimony given by Glavis was that the Cunningham interests had kept James R. Garfield out of the Taft cabinet.

One interesting and unexpected side light on the Alaskan coal claims, around which much of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy has raged, was furnished by two agents of the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate in their testimony before the senate committee on territories. This evidence clearly established the facts that a trust exists, that J. P. Morgan is connected with it, that there are 50,000,000 tons of coal in the trust's Alaskan mines and that the entire Bering river coal district contains 500,000,000 tons with a net value of \$200,000,000 and a gross value of \$900,000,000.

Let the investigations go on. The people cannot know too much about how their business is being conducted. And now that the inquiries have started let those in charge be given to understand that the American people will be satisfied with nothing less than the whole truth.

PENNSYLVANIA'S MOUNTED POLICE

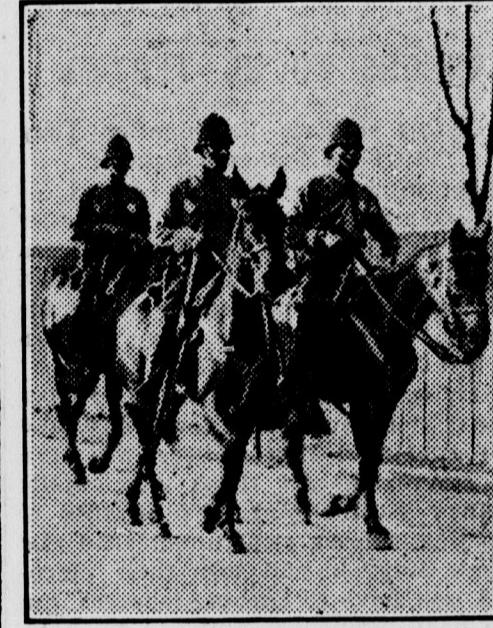
Daring Troopers Called to Quell Rioting in Philadelphia.

FORMIDABLE BODY OF FIGHTERS

State Constabulary Ordered to Suppress Street Car Strike Rioters Consists Chiefly of American Army Soldiers of Absolute Fearlessness—Their Experiences in Subduing Mobs.

Pennsylvania's state constabulary, or mounted police, who were called upon recently to suppress the rioting in Philadelphia brought about by the street car strike, though not large in numbers, are considered to be a formidable body of fighting men. Experienced through much service in various parts of the state and always in the saddle, they are ready at all times to answer where trouble calls them.

The constabulary was organized five years ago under an act of the legislature and comprises four companies



PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONSTABULARY.

or platoons. Each company is made up of a captain, lieutenant, five sergeants and fifty privates, though at present none of the companies has its full quota. Each man before he became a member of the force was compelled to undergo severe physical and mental examination.

Only men between the ages of twenty-one and forty years are eligible to the force. In organizing the troops preference was given to discharged United States army soldiers, and the force is said to be made up almost exclusively of men who have seen service in the federal army. The service equipment of the men consists of carbines, pistols of large caliber, sabers and riot sticks. They ride black horses, wear black uniforms and high black helmets and carry riot maces, which past service has shown they can use with deadly precision. Married men are not eligible to the force.

The state force is commanded by Captain John C. Groome, who carries the title of superintendent and enlisted the force.

Must Be Absolutely Fearless.

A prerequisite for membership in the state constabulary is absolute fearlessness. Two or three incidents illustrate this fact. A writer tells of the experience of a sergeant and ten men at the Cornwall ore banks early in March, 1906, where 500 foreigners had intimidated the sheriff and his deputies and were driving the men away from the fires in the furnaces:

"There was no time to get the horses entrained, and the detail went whirling to the scene of trouble in a ca-boose and engine. No sooner had they arrived than the smallest man in the bunch forced his way bodily into a crowd of angry aliens and grabbed a big foreigner who had pulled a gun." The prisoner showed fight, and his trooper swung his stick just once, the big fellow dropped, and the crowd ran.

Quelling a Mob at a Colliery.

"At the Franklin colliery, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., strikers dispersed a guard of deputy sheriffs and clubbed and knifed a few workmen who had been taking coal from a culm bank to keep up steam for the engines that pumped water from the mines. This was as per agreement between operators and miners. The mob, however, beat these employees severely and started out to wreck the colliery, when a small detail of mounted constabulary arrived. It was just about dusk. The sergeant asked the men to disperse, and they refused. He told them they would get hurt if they didn't, and they jeered at him. The sheriff pointed out two ringleaders, and the sergeant asked them to step out and give

themselves up. This request was also refused.

"Tell them I'm going to take them," said the sergeant to the interpreter, "and all those who want to have their heads crushed will please stay right where they are!"

"Then the mounted men rode into the crowd, and the long locust sticks were laid right and left. The mob tried to run, but it could not get away from the horses. Franklin colliery will not forget that sight for many a day. When the troops rode back to their barracks they had two badly damaged prisoners handcuffed and walking between them."

When they are not keeping a watchful eye on strikers the men will do general police work in their districts and act as game, fish and fire wardens.

BALLOON VIEW OF COMET.

C. J. Glidden Plans Ascension to Photograph Halley's Discovery.

Charles J. Glidden, who has encircled the world in his automobile and has made long distance balloon trips, is confident that Halley's comet can be photographed next May from a balloon. Ascensions are planned in the balloons Massachusetts and Springfield, and Mr. Glidden will have as companions his car professor E. C. Pickering of Harvard and other astronomical authorities.

He believes that some interesting and profitable observations can be made of the comet about May 1 at an elevation of three miles and that excellent photographs, if atmospheric conditions are favorable, can be obtained.

Snowflake Three Inches Across.

A snowflake measuring three inches across fell recently at Chicopee, Mass. The flake was measured with a yardstick by F. H. Norton, paymaster of the cotton mills, who found many flakes that measured two inches or more across.

Japan's Bar to Anti-Japanese.

A bill was introduced in the Japanese diet at Tokyo the other day providing that no foreigner may own land in Japan unless he is a native of a country which permits Japanese to own land within its boundaries.

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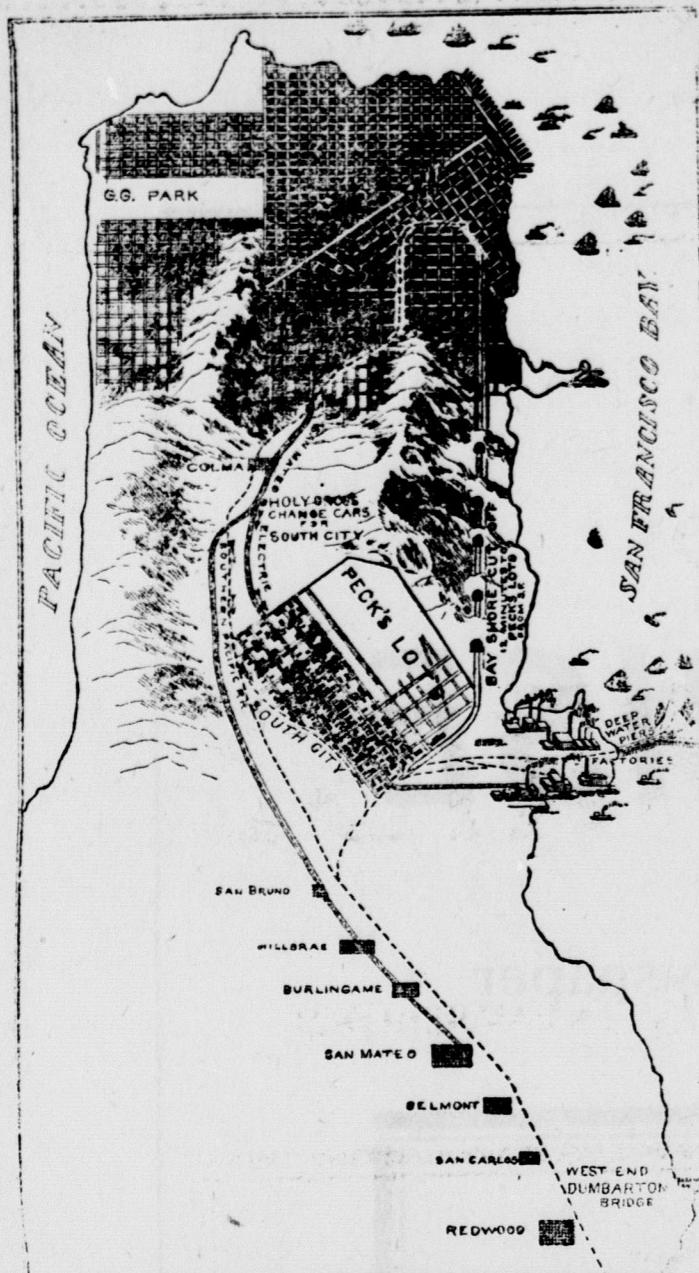
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DISCOURAGE GIFTS TO GRADUATES

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The ceremony of presenting these things amid the plaudits of the admiring multitude is a pretty one, spectacular and altogether charming.

But there is another side to it. It must not be forgotten that the public school is the rightful home of all the people; and that among the people must always be many who can not have gold watches on graduation day.

Hell hath no torment like the feelings of a sensitive child who is publicly slighted before his mates—whose clothes are poorer, whose flowers are cheaper, whose gifts are conspicuous only by their absence.

Those cuts are deep. They leave painful, poisoned wounds that are felt for fifty years and more. True, nothing of this shows out at the public function, all so gay and joyous; but it is true, nevertheless. It is a cruel fact.

It is to be regarded as a humane and patriotic thing for high school officials of this State to do all they can in the years of the future to obscure the pecuniary inequalities of their students, and especially to prevent these inequalities from showing forth to the assembled world on graduation night.—Edward Hyatt, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

CALIFORNIA INVENTORS.

The following patents were issued this week to California inventors. Reported by D. Swift & Co., patent lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of these patents to our readers on receipt of 10 cents:

Arthur Crane, Berkeley, airship;

Charles D. Crowley, Alameda, brain weighing and measuring machine (sold); Willis S. Farnsworth, Petaluma, coin controller lock (sold); Jennie C. and A. M. Foster, Santa Barbara, shoe lace clamp; Ferdinand W. Krogh, San Francisco, centrifugal pump; Olak H. Lund, San Francisco, level attachment for straightedges (sold); David L. Newcomb, San Diego, voting machine; Emil Sutherland, Hollywood, post hole digger; John W. H. Taylor, Pomona, lock; Henry W. Wells, Clements, line supporter.

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